



## **Alcohol and Tobacco Control State of Louisiana**

### **ATC Commissioner Suspends Permits for Jefferson Bar, Scene of Fatal Shooting and Illegal Drug Sales**

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**Baton Rouge, LA** – Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) Commissioner Troy Hebert issued an emergency suspension of the alcohol and tobacco permits for a Jefferson Parish bar where a fatal shooting occurred last month. ATC also received evidence from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO) of illegal drug sales occurring on or near the business.

Commissioner Hebert suspended the permits for Peedy's Place LLC, conducting business as Mojo's on Cleary, located at 2916 Cleary Ave., Suite 2 in Metairie, after receiving evidence from JPSO that heroin, marijuana, and alprazolam were sold on or near the business on eight occasions between January 6, 2015 and February 4, 2015. On at least one occasion, it was discovered that owner Melissa Desilva sold heroin from the location.

Desilva was arrested by JPSO on 8 counts of possession and possession with intent to distribute Schedule I, II, III and IV drugs and 3 counts of possession of a firearm in connection with the possession of controlled dangerous substances.

On February 18, 2015, a shooting occurred at the business where two people were shot, resulting in a fatality.

The business also received violations from ATC for not reporting a manager, allowing employees to serve alcohol and tobacco products without a valid Responsible Vendor permit, and not maintaining complete employee records on the premise.

Commissioner Hebert ordered the owners of the business to cease selling alcoholic beverages and tobacco products immediately. An administrative hearing will be held on the violations.

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